



Congressman Mike Quigley

Appropriations Project Request Guidelines

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While I believe federal funds are vital to improve education, public safety, health care, veterans and environmental projects, I also believe taxpayers deserve to know how their dollars are being spent. In my commitment to bring openness and transparency to the federal appropriations process, I have established certain guiding principles that will be used while considering all project funding requests submitted to my office for possible inclusion in the FY 2011 Appropriations bills.

❖ **Justified use of taxpayer funds**

- Each project must be a justified use of taxpayer funds. Projects must have a clear plan, budget, and be able to make the case for their significance.

❖ **Entity must be a public, not for profit**

- I will not submit any congressionally directed spending requests for for-profit entities. I am aware of the important role that private business plays and will continue to assist constituent businesses in finding, if available, open competitive grants to develop projects and programs, but will not be able to submit appropriations requests for such organizations and companies.

❖ **Openness and transparency**

- All federal funding requests will be publicly disclosed on my official website and publicized locally. In addition, all requested projects will be open to public comment and scrutiny.

❖ **Input and review**

- All projects will be subject to review by the appropriate branches of state and local governments that would be impacted by the project. Each project request will receive thorough vetting by the designated Appropriations Subcommittee.

Please keep these principles in mind when considering applying for project requests for FY 2011. As always, I look forward to working at the Federal level to meet the needs of our local communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Quigley".